[11th October 1928

Repairs to Tamarai Madugu tank in Movur village.

* 530 Q.—Mr. C. N. Muthuranga Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a sum of Rs. 2,080 was allotted by the Government for repairing the Tamarai Madugu tank in Movur village in the Chingleput district;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that repairs have been ordered to the extent of the value of only Rs. 850;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the Tamarai Madugu tank has to irrigate about 150 acres of lands;

(*d*) whether the Government have received a memorial from the ryots that the repairs proposed to be made were very inadequate; and

(*e*) whether the Government will consider the advisability of arranging for sufficient repairs to the tank to the extent of the sum allotted by the Government for the purpose?

A.—(*a*) & (*e*) No sum was allotted by the Government.

(*b*) & (*c*) The hon. Member's attention is invited to the papers placed on the table in reply to question No. 356.

(*d*) Yes. The memorial was transferred to the Board of Revenue on 18th May 1928.

Settlement

Enquiries into the economic condition of villages in Godavari and Kistna districts.

* 531 Q.—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state, in view of replies given to question No. 26 on 3rd September 1928, what instructions were issued by the Special Settlement Officer to the officers under him in regard to making enquiries into the economic conditions of villages in Godavari and Kistna districts?

A.—The Government have called for a report.

Water-rate

Equalizing the penalty for breach irrigation in the case of zamindari jirayati with that of Government jirayati.

* 532 Q.—Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that in the case of alleged breach irrigation full wet assessment is being charged in the case of a Government jirayati land, whereas for similar irrigation in the case of zamindari jirayati lands or inams only the water-rate of Rs. 5 per acre is being charged; and

(*b*) if so, whether the Government intend to remove this differential treatment so as to bring down the penalty in the case of the former to the same level as in the case of zamindari, jirayati and inam lands?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The hon. Member will find set out on page 28 of Volume II of the Board's Standing Order the rules for the levy of water-cess for water irregularly taken for irrigation. No distinction is made between Government and zamindari or inam lands in respect of the enhanced water-rate levied under the rules for irregular irrigation.